

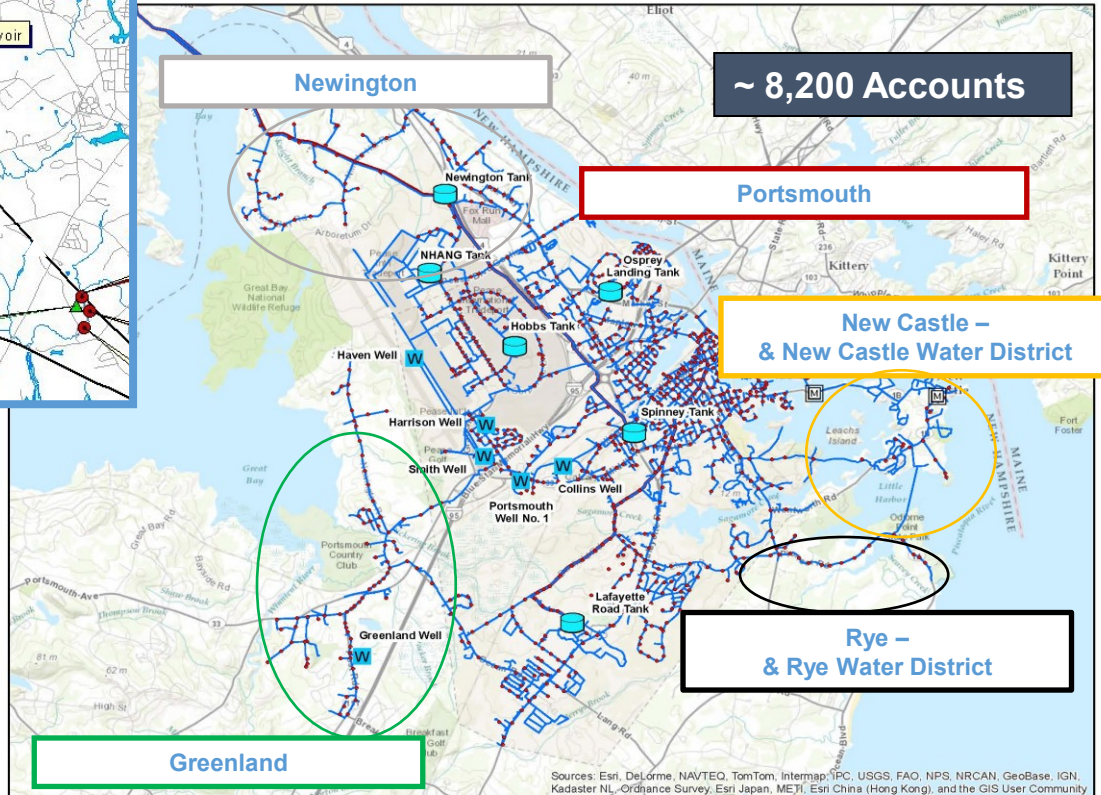
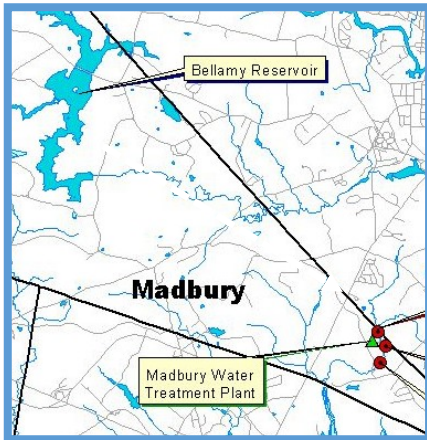


Portsmouth Responds to Emerging Contaminant at Pease Tradeport Water System

New Hampshire Drinking Water Source
Protection Conference
May 11, 2016

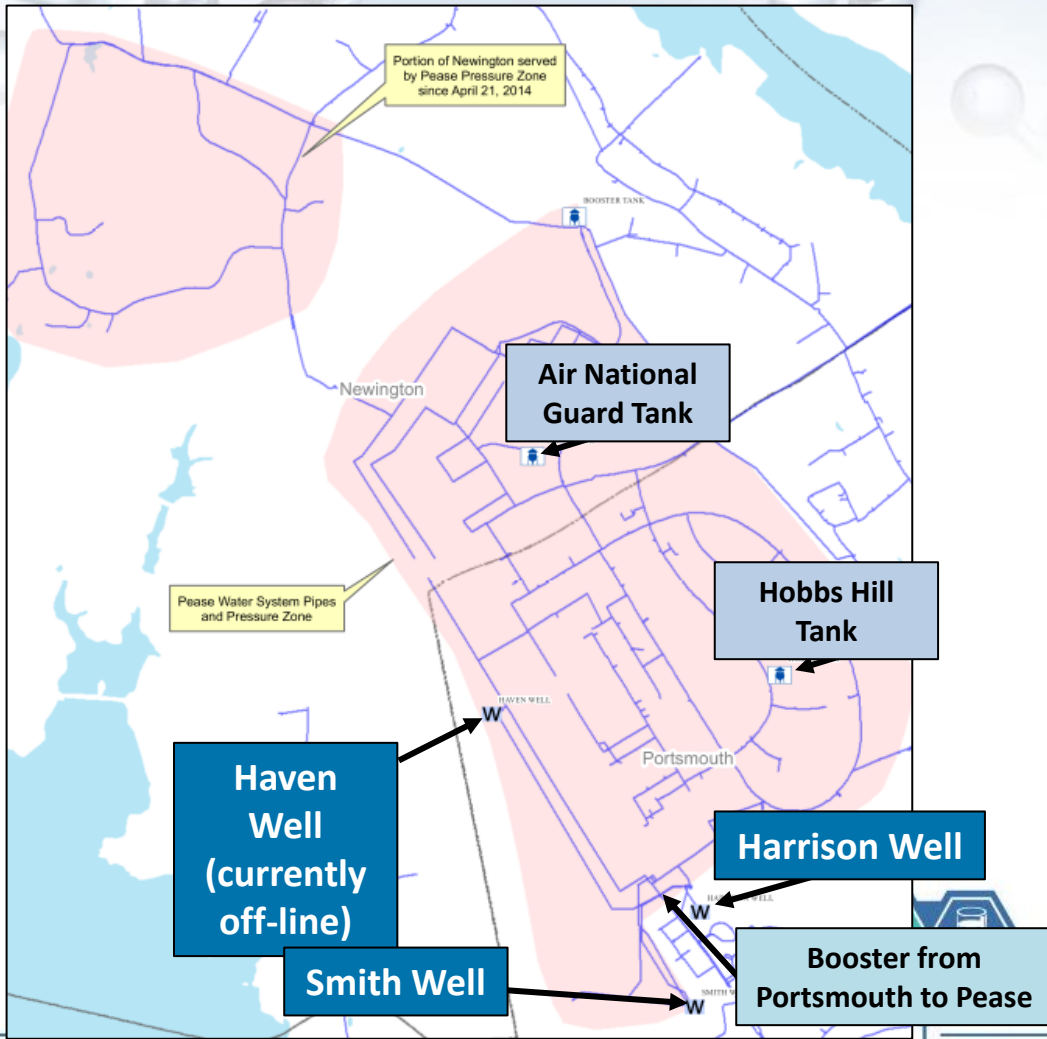
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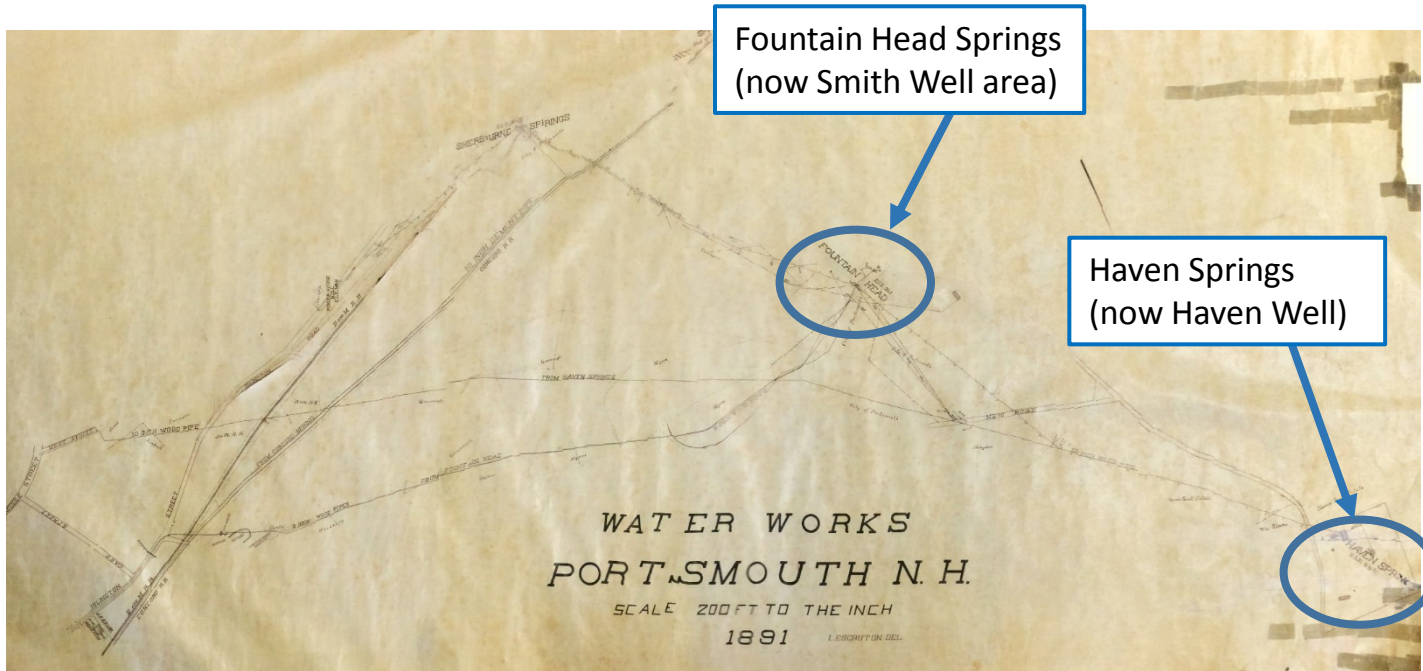


Pease Tradeport Water System

- 3 Wells
- 2 Storage Tanks
- Booster from Portsmouth to Pease
- 30 Miles of water main
- 0.4 to 1.0 Million Gallons per Day Usage



Portsmouth (Pease) Water Sources in 1891:



Haven Well

- Installed in 1875 (Haven Springs)
- Pease Air Base: 1956 to 1992
- PDA/Portsmouth: 1992 to 2014
- 500 GPM Pump



Pease Air Base Closure - Superfund

- Eleven Record of Decisions (ROD) representing all the major Superfund cleanup decisions were completed between 1993 and 1997.
- All remedial design and construction activities for the Base have also been completed.
- Haven Well had an extensive monthly monitoring program to track any potential contaminants nearing the well.

Haven Well Water Quality

August 2013

Water Quality
Met all Drinking
Water Standards
All Non Detects
"ND"



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Report Date: 08/08/2013

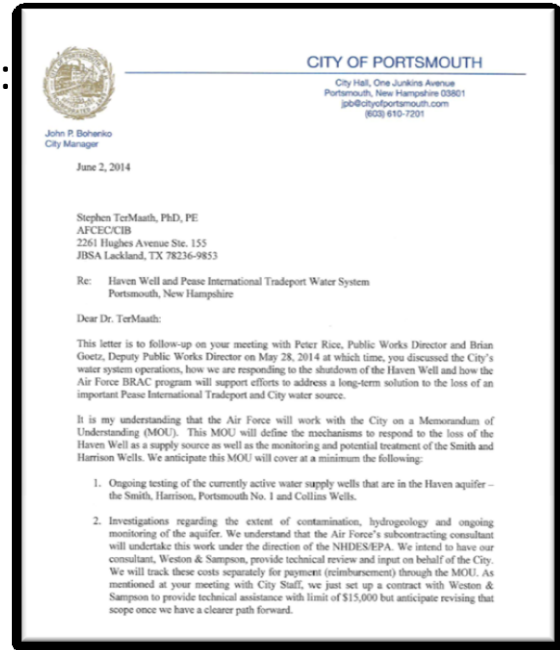
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Haven Well Shutdown: Chronology of Events

- April 2014 – City Contacted by EPA regarding their request that Air Force sample the Pease Wells for PFCs
- Air Force Consultant sampled all three Pease wells in mid-April 2014 for PFCs
- May 12, 2014 – City staff are notified that PFC levels in Haven Well exceeded the EPA's Health Advisory Standard for PFOS
 - 2.5 ug/L (Preliminary Health Advisory = 0.2 ug/L)
- May 12, 2014 - Haven Well is shut down
- Since May 12, 2014 - Pease water system is supplemented with water from Portsmouth's water system (50% of demand supplied by Portsmouth)

Haven Well Shutdown: Chronology of Events

- **June 2, 2014** – Letter from Portsmouth City Manager to the Air Force requesting:
- 1) Ongoing testing of currently active water supply wells
- 2) Investigations regarding the extent of contamination, hydrogeology and ongoing monitoring of aquifer.
- 3) Reimbursement of the City's hydrogeological consultant to perform investigations for replacement of the Haven Well
- 4) Assessments of potential water treatment systems for Pease Wells.



The Key Questions:

1. What are these contaminants?
2. What are their levels?
3. Where did they come from?
4. What are the health effects?
5. How will the water system replace the lost water?
6. Have other water systems been contaminated?
7. What are the treatment options?

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Health and Human Services

Fact Sheet

Perfluorinated Chemicals (PFCs)

What are Perfluorinated Chemicals (PFCs)?

Perfluorinated chemicals (PFCs) are a class of synthetic chemicals that are not found naturally in the environment. PFCs are used to make products and special coatings that resist heat, oil, stains, grease, and water. PFCs can be found in a variety of products including furniture and carpets treated for stain resistance, adhesives, food packaging materials, heat-resistant non-stick cooking surfaces, and electrical wiring insulation. PFCs have also been used in the production of firefighting foams. Many chemicals in this group, including perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS), have been a concern because they do not break down in the environment.

In most cases, PFCs are not regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Since PFCs have been so widely used over the years, most people in the United States are believed to have some level of PFCs in their body. Once PFCs have been absorbed into a person's body, it may take up to several years for PFC levels to decrease by itself, even if the person is no longer being exposed to the chemicals.

Answer:

How are people exposed to PFCs?

People are most likely to be exposed to PFCs by consuming contaminated water and food, and possibly by using consumer products that contain PFCs. Workers in the chemical industry who manufacture certain types of products can be exposed to PFCs at much greater amounts than the general public.

Do PFCs affect a person's health?

The human health effects from exposure to low levels of PFCs in the environment, especially

PFOA and PFOS, are not known. PFOA and PFOS can remain in the body for extended periods of time. In laboratory studies, animals animals that had been given large amounts of these chemicals have been shown to have problems with their growth and development, reproduction, and liver damage. More research is needed to assess the human health effects of exposure to PFOA and PFOS.

Are there health effects, either from short-term exposure to PFCs or long-term exposure to PFCs?

There are no known human health effects associated with short-term exposure to PFOA or PFOS. Animals exposed to very high amounts of PFCs had decreased body weight and liver effects. Our study of humans exposed to higher PFC levels in their workplace or from contaminated drinking water have found this exposure associated with higher than normal cholesterol levels, thyroid disease, ulcerative colitis and pregnancy-induced high blood pressure. However, these effects were not seen in several other studies.

Animals given very high amounts of PFCs in food had some effects to the liver, delays in growth and development, and changes in normal levels of thyroid hormones and blood fat levels.

Are there any known cancer effects from exposure to PFCs?

One large study of humans exposed to high levels of PFCs either through their work or from contaminated drinking water showed that exposure may be associated with increases in kidney and testicular cancer. This association has yet to be conclusively proven. Cancer types seen in animals given large amounts of PFCs were

1 – What are these Contaminants?

Perfluorinated Hydrocarbons – In a Lot of Everyday Products

- Furniture and carpets treated for stain resistance, adhesives, food packaging materials, heat-resistant non-stick cooking surfaces, and electrical wiring insulation.
- PFCs have also been used in the production of firefighting foams.

2 – What are their Levels?

Sample Location	Collection Date	Perfluorobutane sulfonate	Perfluorodecanoic acid	Perfluorododecanoic acid	Perfluoroheptanoic acid	Perfluorohexane sulfonate	Perfluorohexanoic acid	Perfluorononanoic acid	Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS)	Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)	Perfluoropentanoic acid	Perfluoroundecanoic acid
PHA (µg/L)		--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.2	0.4	--	--
HAVEN	16-Apr-14	0.051	0.0049 J	ND	0.12	0.83	0.33	0.017	2.5	0.35	0.27	ND
HAVEN	14-May-14	0.051	0.0043 J	ND	0.12	0.96	0.35	0.017	2.4	0.32	0.26	ND
HARRISON	16-Apr-14	0.002 J	ND	ND	0.0046 J	0.036	0.0087	ND	0.048	0.009	0.0079	ND
HARRISON	14-May-14	0.0019 J	ND	ND	0.0042 J	0.032	0.01	ND	0.041	0.0086	0.0084	ND
SMITH	16-Apr-14	0.00094 J	0.0044 J	0.012	0.0025 J	0.013	0.0039 J	ND	0.018	0.0035 J	0.0035 J	0.017
SMITH	14-May-14	0.00087 J	ND	ND	0.002 J	0.013	0.004 J	ND	0.015	0.0036 J	0.0034 J	ND

Notes:

Grey text indicates the parameter was not detected.

indicates concentration above PHA

J - estimated value

all results in µg/L

ND - non detect

PHA - Provisional Health Advisory

-- indicates no established PHA

Haven Well – above the Preliminary Health Advisory (PHA) for PFOS

Harrison and Smith Wells – below the PHA for PFOS

What Level is “Non Detect”?

- EPA Method covers 6 compounds
- Maxxum Analytical Method includes 23 compounds and has lower reporting limits
- Technical Team chose to go with Maxxum to provide better identification and tracking of contamination

3 – What Level is “Non Detect”?

Maxxum Lab versus UCMR Limits

		Maxxam Lab/In-House Reporting Levels		UCMR ANALYTES AND REPORTING LIMIT	Order of Magnitude: Maxxum MDL vrs UCMR
	Units	RDL	Typical MDL - reported on lab reports		
6:2 Fluorotelomer sulfonate	ug/L	0.05	0.0150		
8:2 Fluorotelomer sulfonate	ug/L	0.05	0.0130		
N-ethylperfluorooctane sulfonamide	ug/L	0.05	0.0053		
N-ethylperfluorooctane sulfonamido	ug/L	0.05	0.0026		
N-methylperfluorooctane sulfonamide	ug/L	0.05	0.0027		
N-methylperfluorooctanesulfonamidol	ug/L	0.05	0.0053		
Perfluorobutane Sulfonate (PFBS)	ug/L	0.02	0.0024	0.09	38x
Perfluorobutanoic acid	ug/L	0.02	0.0023		
Perfluorodecane Sulfonate	ug/L	0.02	0.0039		
Perfluorodecanoic Acid (PFDA)	ug/L	0.02	0.0030		
Perfluorododecanoic Acid (PFDoA)	ug/L	0.02	0.0051		
Perfluoroheptane sulfonate	ug/L	0.02	0.0043		
Perfluoroheptanoic Acid (PFHpA)	ug/L	0.02	0.0026	0.01	4x
Perfluorohexane Sulfonate (PFHxS)	ug/L	0.02	0.0030	0.03	10x
Perfluorohexanoic Acid (PFHxA)	ug/L	0.02	0.0027		
Perfluoro-n-Octanoic Acid (PFOA)	ug/L	0.02	0.0033	0.02	6x
Perfluorononanoic Acid (PFNA)	ug/L	0.02	0.0024	0.02	8x
Perfluorooctane Sulfonamide (PFOSA)	ug/L	0.02	0.0024		
Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS)	ug/L	0.02	0.0036	0.04	11x
Perfluoropentanoic Acid (PFPeA)	ug/L	0.02	0.0028		
Perfluorotetradecanoic Acid	ug/L	0.02	0.0063		
Perfluorotridecanoic Acid	ug/L	0.02	0.0078		
Perfluoroundecanoic Acid (PFUnA)	ug/L	0.02	0.0051		

PFC Levels in Harrison and Smith Wells

Table 1
Summary of PFC Analytical Results
Public Water Supply Monitoring Program
Former Pease Air Force Base, New Hampshire

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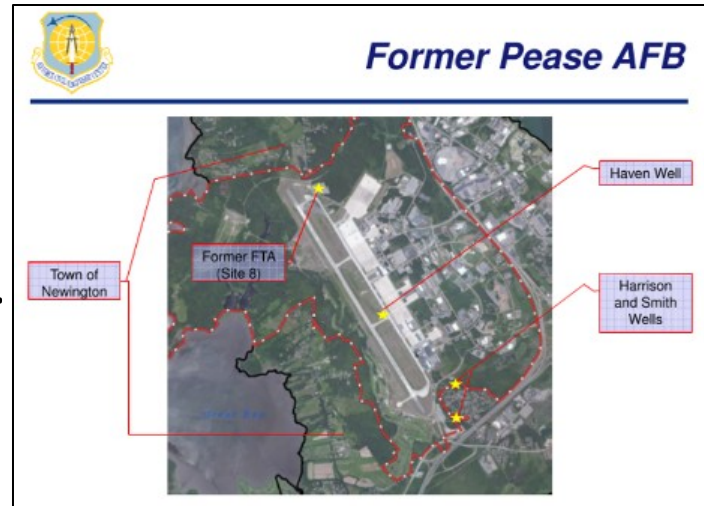
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All concentrations in µg/L - micrograms per liter
All values in micrograms per liter
D - duplicate sample
J - The result is an estimated value.
B - Detected in Blank.

USEPA - Environmental Protection Agency
NA - Not Analysed
µg/L - micrograms per liter
ND - Not detected
PHA - Provisional Health Advisory screening value (EPA 2009)
— - No PHA available

- Harrison:
 - 0.027 ppb PFOS
 - 0.007 ppb PFOA
- Smith:
 - 0.012 ppb PFOS
 - ND for PFOA
- Wells are combined and blended with Portsmouth water system water

3 – Where Did They Come From?

- In 1970, the Air Force began using Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF), a firefighting agent that contains PFCs, to extinguish petroleum fires.
- A few reported fires prior to 1992
- Potential releases and spills



4 – What Are the Health Effects?

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services:

Studies have shown that nearly all people have some level of PFCs in their blood. Potential health effects from exposure to low levels of PFCs are not well understood. To date studies have been inconclusive as to whether PFCs can affect growth and development, hormone levels including thyroid hormone, liver enzyme levels, cholesterol levels, immune function or occurrence of certain types of cancer. Further research is needed to determine whether PFCs can cause health changes in humans. The EPA states that existing evidence is too limited to support a strong link between PFCs and cancer in people.

5 – How Will the Water System Replace the Loss of the Haven Well?

- Loss of the largest water source serving the Pease Tradeport:
 - Safe yield of 534 Gallons per minute (GPM) – 769,000 Gallons per day (GPD)
- Portsmouth water system has been supplementing Pease through booster pumps:
 - Reduces the available water to Portsmouth's core water system by nearly 10%

6 – Have Other Water Systems Been Contaminated by PFCs?

- Oakdale, Minnesota – 3M Manufacturing
 - Three public drinking water wells with concentrations up to 0.97 ppb PFOS and 0.86 ppb PFOA
- Newcastle, Delaware – Air Base
 - PFOA and PFOS Compound test results range from non-detect to the highest level detected of 0.44 ppb and 2.3 ppb respectively
- Hoosick Falls, New York – PFC Manufacturing
 - Public Wells sampled above 0.60 ppb of PFOA
- Petersburg, New York – PFC Manufacturing
 - Public Water Supply sampled at 0.096 ppb of PFOA
- Merrimack, New Hampshire – PFC Manufacturing
 - Merrimack Village District Wells found to have 0.027 to 0.090 ppb of PFOA
- North Bennington, Vermont – PFC Manufacturing
 - PFOA levels in 52 private well samples ranged from 0.038 ppb to 2.73 ppb
- Pownal, Vermont
 - 0.026 and 0.027 ppb of PFOA in public drinking water wells

Other PFC Studies

- Washington State – 2011 Study
 - 10 rivers sampled – PFCs detected in all samples
 - 4 wastewater treatment facility outfalls sampled – PFCs detected in all samples
- Silent Spring Institute 2010 Survey of 20 Public Water Wells
 - Hyannis Water System:
 - PFOA – 22 ng/l (well 2)
 - PFOS – 15 ng/l (airport well), 97 ng/l (well 2)
- Maryland Study of WWTF Discharges and Three Rivers
 - PFOA in all 11 WWTF samples: 5.4 to 76 ng/l
 - PFOS in 8 of 11 WWTF samples: ND to 27 ng/l
 - PFOA in all 3 river samples: 2.5 to 35 ng/l
 - PFOS in all 3 river samples: 5.4 to 22 ng/l

Other PFC Studies

- Silent Spring Institute 2011 Survey of 20 Private Wells
 - Four perfluorinated chemicals (PFOS, PFBS, PFHxS and PFHxA) were found in at least 50% of wells.
 - 11 of 20 wells had PFOS detected:
 - Maximum was 7 ng/l

7 – What are the Treatment Options?

- Activated Carbon Filtration is most widely accepted for drinking water applications
- Membrane Filtration
- Anion Exchange
- Advanced Oxidation



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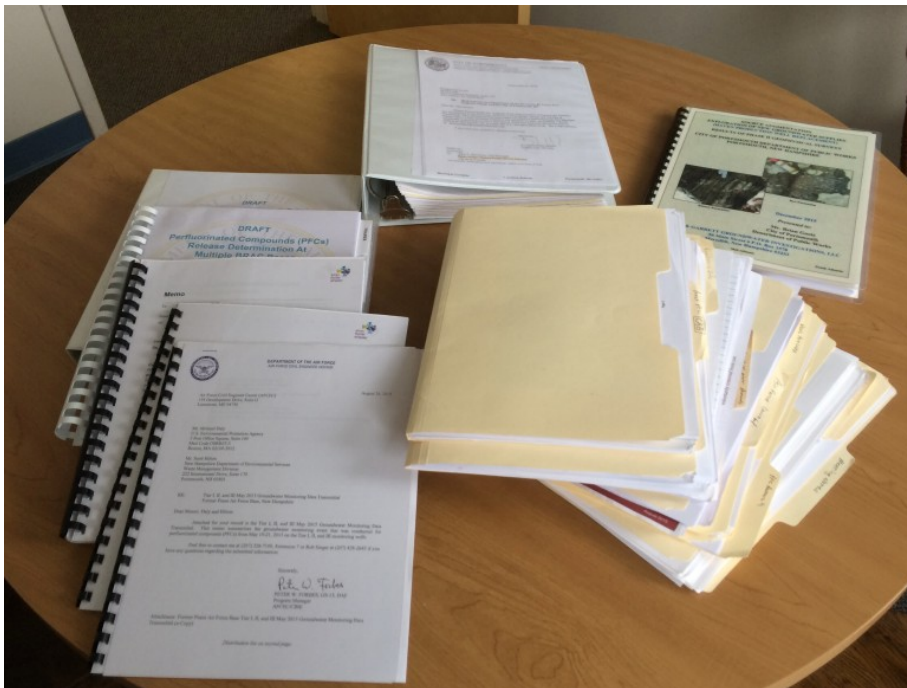
Technical Response Team Forms

- Weekly meetings (initially) either in-person or via teleconference:
 - City of Portsmouth Staff
 - City consultants
 - Pease Development Authority
 - Environmental Protection Agency
 - New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
 - Waste Division
 - Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau
 - Air Force Civil Engineering
 - Air Force Consultants
 - New Hampshire Health and Human Services
 - Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)
 - Others, depending on topic

The Response and Action Plan

- Data Collection
- Forensic Analysis on Contamination
- Health Information
- Water System Operational Changes
 - Existing Supplies
 - Alternative Supplies
 - Treatment Options
- Public Outreach

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May 22, 2014 – Press Release



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Press Release

Unregulated Contaminant Found In Pease Tradeport Water System

Publish Date:
May 22, 2014

Contact:
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(603) 271-8221

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health Services, and the Division of Environmental Services (DES) are today announcing that water sampling results from a well that serves the Pease Tradeport Water System (PTWS) have revealed the presence of perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS). PFOS is one of a class of chemicals known as perfluorinated compounds (PFCs) and is listed as a "provisional health advisory" set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The City of Portsmouth has shut down the well.

The water in the other two wells servicing the PTWS is at or below the provisional health advisory level. Out of an abundance of caution, the City of Portsmouth has shut down the well, since the systems at Pease and Portsmouth are used to service the city of Portsmouth. The City of Portsmouth is currently testing the wells and surface water sources that serve the PTWS.



Pease Tradeport Water Information

On Monday May 12, 2014, City of Portsmouth staff were notified by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) that water sampling results for the Haven Well showed that perfluorooctanesulfonic acid, an unregulated contaminant, exceeded the provisional health advisory levels recommended by the Environmental Protection Agency. The Smith and Harrison wells also had levels of this unregulated contaminant in their water but they were well below the advisory levels. As a precautionary measure, the City took the Haven Well immediately off line as recommended by NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau. Therefore, all sources of supply currently serving the Pease Tradeport Water System are below the provisional standard.

[May 22, 2014 News Release and Information regarding Pease International Tradeport Water System](#)

[City of Portsmouth Information Regarding Pease International Tradeport Water System](#)

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[Union Leader Article - May 22, 2014](#)

Breaking News:

Article published May 22, 2014

Contaminated well shut down at Pease Tradeport

PORTSMOUTH — A well that serves the Pease International Tradeport has been shut down after testing positive for a chemical contaminant, according to the state Department of Environmental Services.

Environment

1:30 PM THU MAY 22, 2014

Pease Well Is Shut Down After Unregulated Contaminant Discovered

By SAM EVANS-BROWN, JEFFREY DAN EVANS-BROWN



By Kristen Carosa

Chemical found in well at Pease

Officials believe chemical used in firefighting foam

UPDATED 6:20 PM EDT May 22, 2014

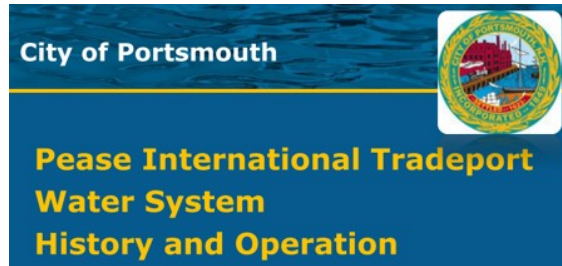
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Air Force Involvement

- Funding all the technical work and site monitoring
- September 2014 agreement with City to fund:
 - City's technical support
 - Search for replacement groundwater source

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Air Force Response to perfluorinated Compounds (PFCs)



Learn more about PFCs and what the Air Force is doing to address this emerging contaminant.

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Perfluorinated compounds, or PFCs, are a group of manmade chemicals that have been used for a wide variety of residential, commercial, and industrial uses. PFCs are classified as emerging environmental contaminants because they do not have established regulatory standards. But existing science has identified potential risks to humans and regulatory standards are under development. The Air Force Civil Engineer Center is active in PFC research on military and civilian populations and is working in coordination with state and federal regulators to identify affected sites and, when necessary, take responsive action.

Useful Links

- Environmental Protection Agency**
 - * Peer review of health effects documents for PFDA and PFOS
 - * PFDA and Fluorinated Tissues
 - * Emerging Contaminants: PFOS and PFOA
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention**
 - * Perfluorooctanoic acid
 - * Toxicological profile for Perfluorooctanoic acid
- National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences**
 - * Perfluorinated Chemicals
- Other information resources**
 - * Health effects document for Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)
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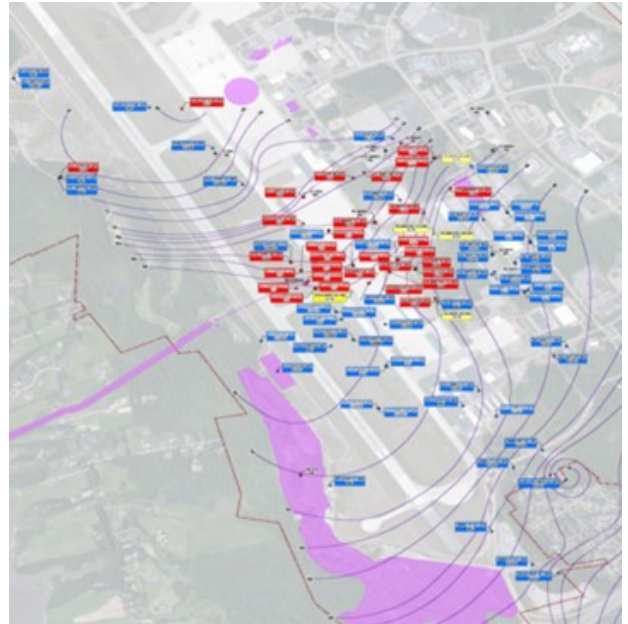
- PFC Testing Plans
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 - Luxon Phase A113, New Hampshire**
 - Former Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan**

About PFAS

- * New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services
- * Air Force Response to PFCs at Former Phase A113
- * Press Release: Air Force testing phase (pdf), private drinking wells wells
- * **Phase 1 Release:** Air Force complies with EPA order, committed to protection of human health & environment
- * Resource Advisory Board Membership Application

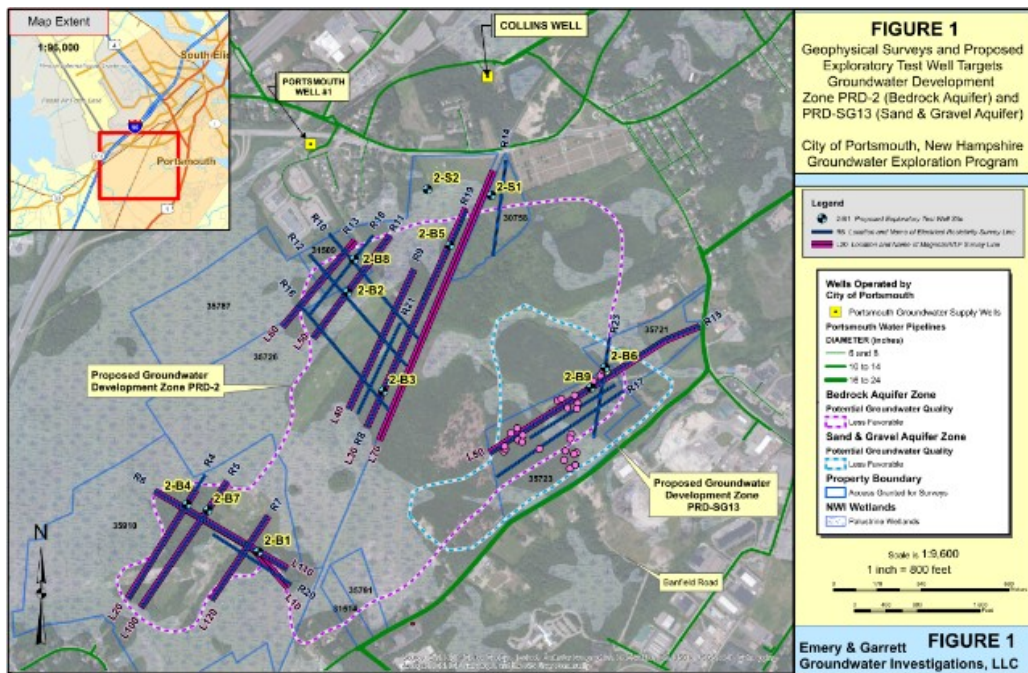
Extensive Monitoring Program Developed

- Weekly PFC sampling of water supply wells
- Sentry well network sampling
- Installation of new sentry wells to fill data gaps
- Hydrogeological evaluations



Fall 2014

Replacement Well Study



Continued Public Outreach Throughout 2014

- City Website
 - Water System Status
 - Water Quality Monitoring Data
 - Public Meetings
- New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
 - Health Effects

Congressional Delegation Support for:

- 1) Treatment of Wells
- 2) Aquifer Restoration
- 3) Biomonitoring of those effected



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Shaheen, Ayotte Call for Air Force to Immediately Comply with EPA Order on Haven Well Contamination

Jul 24, 2015

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) today called on the U.S. Air Force to immediately comply with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) administrative order that requires the cleanup of perfluorinated chemicals (PFCs) that contaminate the Haven Well in Portsmouth. Last week, the Senators applauded the directive from the EPA that requires the U.S. Air Force to begin restoration of the Haven Well and to prevent the further spread of contamination. The letter reads in part:

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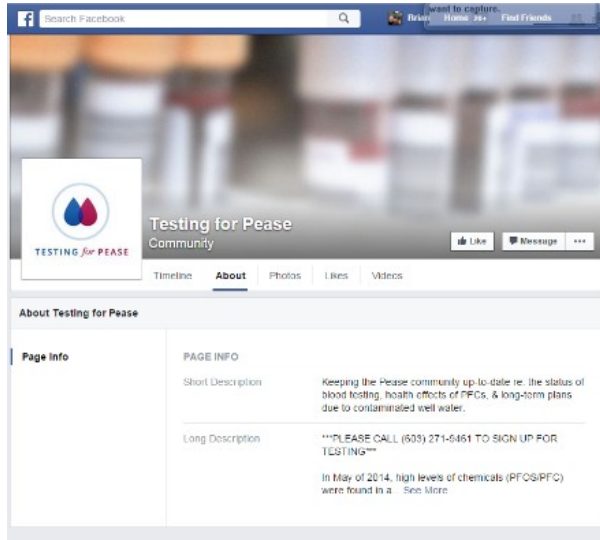


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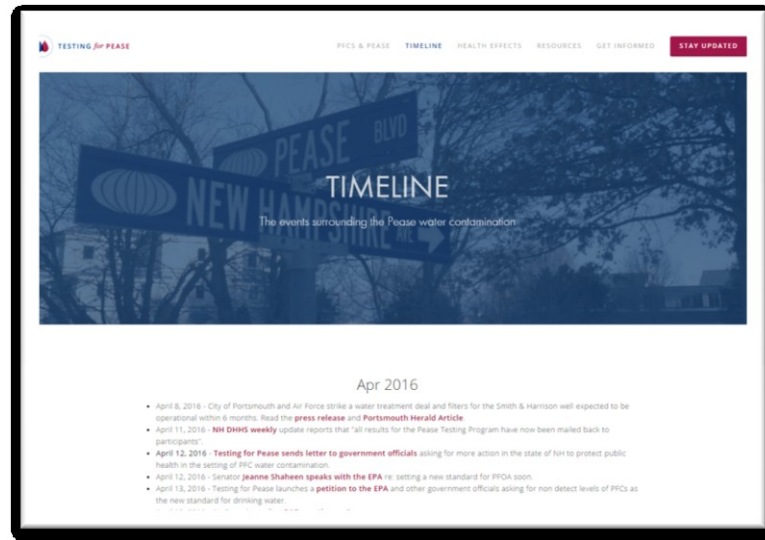
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Citizen Involvement – Advocates Blood Testing



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March 2015 – Blood Testing Program Announced



By Jennifer
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Blood tests planned for those concerned about Pease contamination

Well shut down after contaminants found

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May 2015

Community Advisory Board Forms 14 Meetings Held in 2015



June 17, 2015 Public Meeting – First Blood Test Results

Perfluorochemical (PFC) Testing Program: Summary of the First 98 Test Results



Benjamin P. Chan, MD, MPH
NH State Epidemiologist
Department of Health & Human Services
June 17, 2015



July 8, 2015

EPA Issues Administrative Order to Air Force:

- Treat Haven Well
- Aquifer Restoration



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By Jennifer Crompton
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EPA orders Air Force to clean up contaminated Pease well

High levels of contaminant found last year

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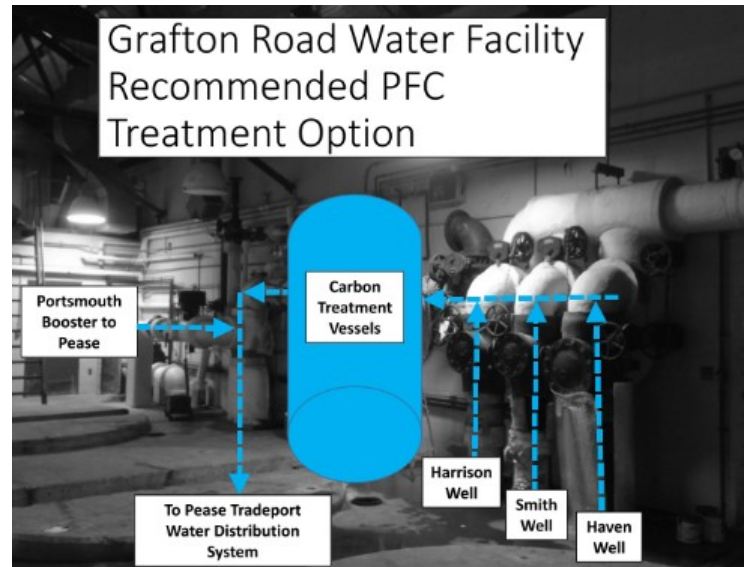


officials have ordered the Air Force to clean up contaminated it.

September 1, 2015

Meeting with Air Force and Senator Shaheen

- City presses for treatment of all three Pease Wells
 - Haven to address PFOS PHA exceedance
 - Smith and Harrison to demonstrate treatment and as a contingency



September 9, 2015

Community Advisory Board

Pediatric Blood Testing Results



9.9.15 Community Advisory Board Haven Well Contamination

October 14, 2015

Community Advisory Board Meeting with ATSDR

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)

**Haven Well
Community Advisory Board Meeting
City of Portsmouth, NH**

October 14, 2015

National Center for Environmental Health
Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry



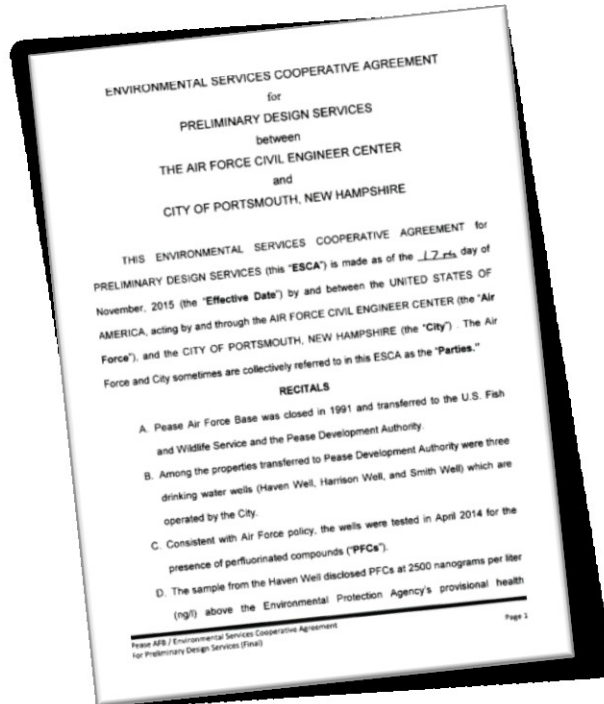
■ New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS) requested

- scientific and technical assistance
- comments on their biomonitoring protocol and
- CDC laboratory analysis of serum samples collected in the community

■ New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NH DES) identified

- a need to evaluate people's exposures to Perfluorinated Chemicals (PFCs) contamination in drinking water

November 2015 Air Force Agreement to Treat All Three Pease Wells



Well Treatment – Carbon Filters

- Preliminary Design – Complete
- Ongoing work:
 - Piloting - \$59,000
 - Harrison/Smith Carbon Filters - \$837,000
- Construction of all treatment system upgrades (8 to 12 months)
 - Final Design of full treatment system upgrades
 - Current cost estimate of \$8 to \$9 million

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Reconvenes



Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Factsheet

What is a RAB?

A restoration advisory board, or RAB, is a stakeholder group that meets regularly to discuss environmental restoration at a specific property that is currently or was formerly owned by the Department of Defense, or DOD, where the DOD oversees the environmental restoration process.

Who participates in a RAB?

A RAB provides an interactive and focused forum for interested individuals and groups to exchange information with representatives of regulatory agencies, the installation and the community.

- Brian Goetz, Deputy Director of Public Works, is the staff representative coordinating the City's Involvement

The image shows a large group of people seated in a conference room, attending a presentation. A man in a blue shirt stands at a podium on the left, presenting to the audience. Two large projection screens display information. The left screen is titled "PFCs at Pease" and lists various activities and health advisory levels. The right screen is titled "PFCs at Pease" and lists "Perfluorinated compounds (PFCs)" and "Sampling locations". A sign on the wall reads "Planning". A clock on the wall indicates the time is approximately 1:50.

Community Assistance Panel (CAP)


- ATSDR established the CAP in Portsmouth to address questions and concerns about health impacts related to the PFC contamination at Pease
- The CAP provides an avenue for ATSDR to inform the community of site-specific findings as they become available.



Looking Ahead for 2016

- Design and construction of treatment systems
- Continued monitoring of PFCs aquifer cleanup
- Spring – Release of Final Round of Blood Testing
 - 471 Tested during first round
 - 1,107 Tested during second round
- Blood Testing and Biomonitoring Follow-up

Continued Public Outreach and News



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Pease Tradeport Water Information

Pease International Tradeport Water System Update

The City of Portsmouth's Water Division has been actively working with the United States Air Force (Air Force), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) in response to the detection of elevated levels of the unregulated contaminant perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) from the Haven Well, one of three wells that serves the Pease International Tradeport and the New Hampshire Air National Guard base at Pease. PFOS is one of a class of chemicals known as PFCs or perfluorochemicals. Because the level of PFOS exceeded the "provisional health advisory" set by the EPA, the well was shut down by the City of Portsmouth on May 12, 2014 and since that time it has been physically disconnected from the system. A number of actions have been taken by the project team. The following documents provide additional Information:

- [Portsmouth Signs Agreement with Air Force to Proceed with Pease Tradeport Well Treatment System Project](#)
- [Haven Well Update to City Council March 12 2016](#)
- [Pease Trade Port Water System Overview and History](#)
- [Pease Water System Operations Update 03.31.15](#)
- [Pease Water Supply Update 08/13/14](#)

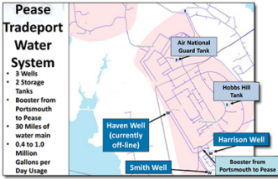
Pease well monitoring and sampling results :

The Air Force's consultants under the direction of the EPA and DES and in cooperation with the City of Portsmouth have been sampling PFCs in and around the effected Portsmouth drinking water wells. Once validated, this data is posted below:

- [Pease PFC Sampling Locations](#)
- [Pease Well PFC Results thru 2/23/16](#)
- [Pease Well PFC Results thru 01/26/16](#)
- [Fire Station 3 Table 1 01/19/16](#)
- [Pease Well PFC Results thru 12/30/15](#)
- [Pease Well PFC Results thru 11/24/15](#)
- [Pease Well PFC Results thru 10/27/15](#)
- [Pease Well PFC Results thru 10/14/15](#)
- [Pease Well PFC Results thru 08/18/15](#)

Pease Tradeport Water System

- 3 Wells
- 2 Storage Tanks
- Booster from Portsmouth to Pease
- 60 Miles of water main
- 6.6 to 1.0 Million Gallons per Day Usage



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PEASE CONTAMINATION

Official: Could take decades to restore water

Advisory board holds first meeting

Questions?

